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Carbon County Economic Highlights

Unemployment rate:

Utah 3.3

U.S. 4.3

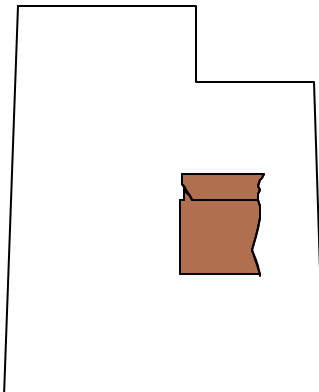
Employment growth: 0.0 %

Unemployment rate: 6.9 %

Carbon County's nonagricultural employment was virtually unchanged for year-over first quarter 1999. Nonfarm employment was reported at 9,023, compared to 9,025 in first quarter 1998. The unemployment rate in Carbon County was 6.9 percent for first quarter 1999 compared to 5.9 percent for the first quarter of 1998. Just over 660 persons are unemployed.

Construction Jumps

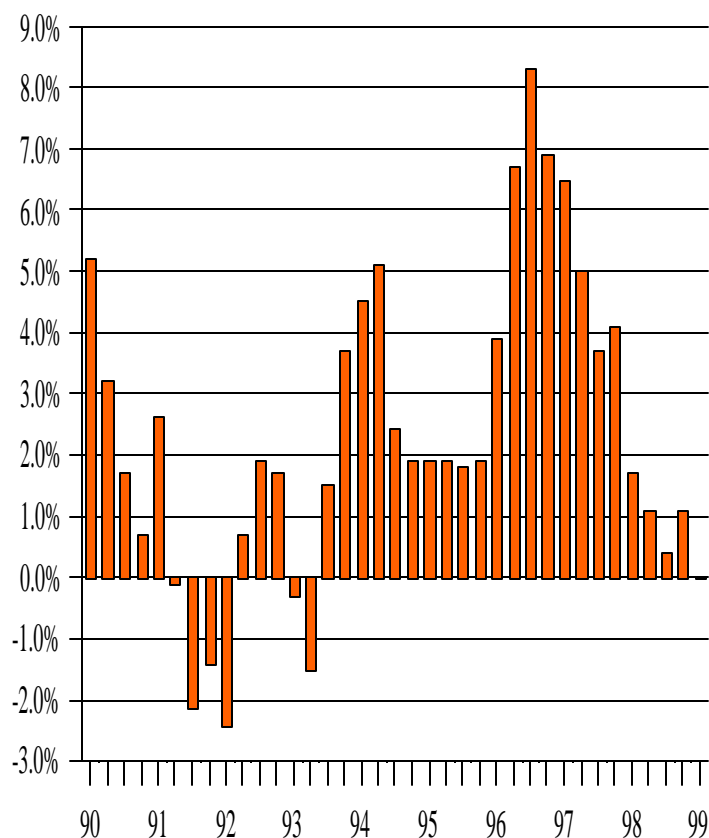
Construction employment increased 31.6 percent, adding 65 positions. Residential and nonresidential contractors expanded their payrolls, and highway and street contractors reported strong growth. But special trade contractors declined slightly. Employment in the **Trade** division rose by 46 positions, an increase of 2.1 percent. Retail trade jobs jumped 3.4 percent and accounted for all of the growth. Department and variety stores and gas service stations led the surge in retail jobs. Wholesale trade employment slipped 2.5 percent, with both durable and nondurable goods positions declining.



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Annual Change in Nonfarm Employment in Carbon County by Quarter, 1990 -1999



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Employment
Growth trends

Services employment increased 1.6 percent by adding 34 jobs. Employment in lodging and offices and clinics of doctors improved. These gains were offset by losses in home health care and electronic repair jobs. **Transportation, Communications and Public Utilities** jobs grew as well, with 30 additional positions. Railroad operations and cable TV services experienced an improved employment picture. **Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate** employment increased by 16 jobs with nearly all of the growth occurring in banking related businesses.

On the losing side of the ledger, **Manufacturing** employment dropped 17.7 percent, or 83 positions. Sharp losses occurred for apparel manufacturing and fabricated metal work. Employment gains were reported in printing, coal/oil products refining, and sawmills. **Government** reported a loss of 27 positions. Federal government jobs declined slightly. State government employment rose due to increases in education. Local government lost positions in administration, health, and economic programs. **Mining** showed a loss of 83 positions, an 8.1 percent decrease due to cutbacks in coal mining. Oil and gas field services and exploration reported slight gains.

Agriculture Improves

“Covered agriculture” jobs in Carbon County increased from 12 in the first quarter of 1998 to 15 in the first quarter 1999. Agricultural production and livestock increased employment. It should be noted that “covered agricultural” employment is not included in total nonagricultural employment discussed above. Moreover, many jobs in agriculture are not subject to unemployment insurance reporting requirements. As a result, they are not discussed in this report.

Building Blooms

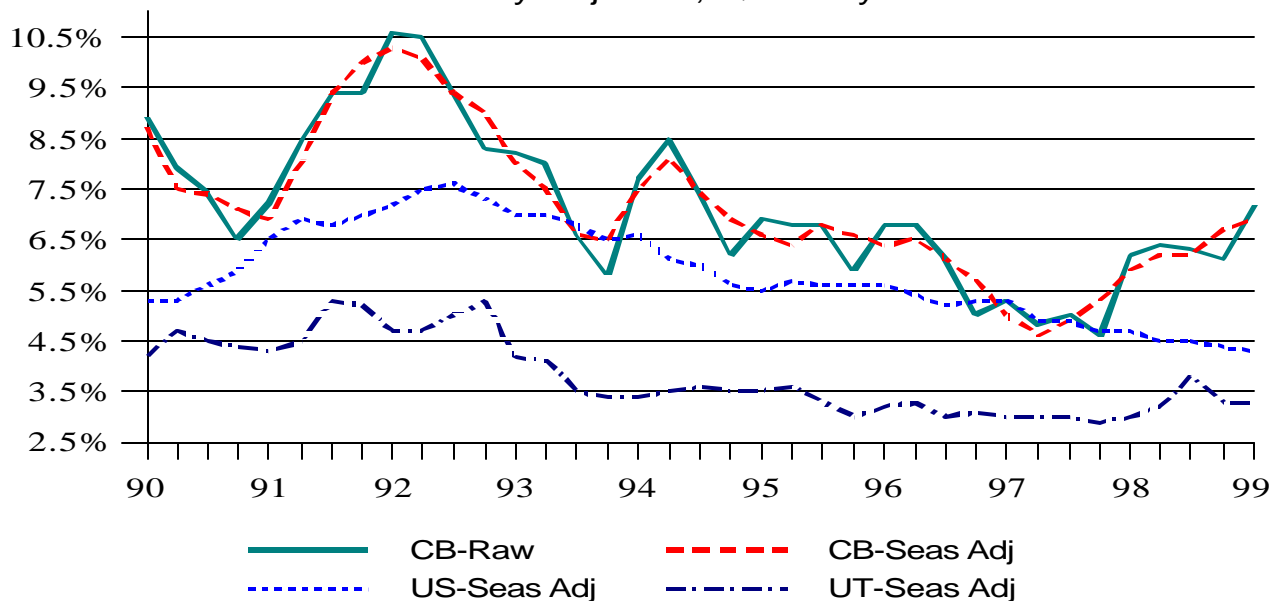
The total valuation of permit-authorized construction continued to expand during first quarter 1999. Year-over data show that the valuation increased from \$3.3 million in 1998 to \$4.3 million for the first quarter of 1999. Residential building declined slightly as dwelling units fell from 48 to 22. The value of residential construction followed suit, dropping from \$2.7 million to \$2.0 million. In contrast, nonresidential construction activity was robust with its valuation jumping from \$140,800 to \$1.8 million as new industrial, office, and amusement and recreation buildings were authorized. Additions, alterations and repairs valuation increased slightly: from \$511,200 to \$521,900. Residential renovations improved significantly while nonresidential additions, alterations and repairs dropped.

Sales Are Healthy

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Gross taxable retail sales for the first quarter of 1999 increased a healthy 14.9 percent to \$81.9 million. Retail sales reported a modest 3.0 percent increase. Building and gardening, general merchandise and furniture stores sales improved, as did sales at eating and drinking places. However, auto dealers and grocery stores reported decreased sales. Wholesale trade declined slightly, while services sales slipped 1.5 percent with business and automotive repair services declining. Mining sales jumped from \$2.6 million in first quarter 1998 to \$4.3 million in first quarter 1999. Manufacturing, construction, and communications also reported increased sales activity. A huge leap in first-quarter sales occurred in electric and gas services, which went from \$4.8 million in 1998 to \$10.6 million in 1999.

Comparative Unemployment Rates, Carbon Co, Utah and U.S.
Raw & Seasonally Adjusted, Quarterly - 1990 -1999



ECONOMIC EVENTS IN CARBON COUNTY

Carbon County received \$338,467 in federal Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funds. PILT funds are designed to compensate counties for the costs of services provided on federal lands. PILT monies are used for police, fire, waste disposal and search and rescue.

Questar Pipeline Co., in conjunction with Colorado Interstate Gas Co., will build a 75-mile natural gas pipeline from the Price area to Elberta in Utah County. The \$62-million project will parallel an existing Questar Line. Construction should begin in 2000 and be completed in 2002.

Governor Leavitt outlined plans to spend \$80 million over the next five years in improving Highway 6 between Spanish Fork and Green River. The seven proposed projects will add passing lanes at six-to-nine-mile intervals. Funds will also pay for an additional Highway Patrol trooper for the road.

Castle View Hospital in Price was recognized as one of the "Top 100 Small Hospitals" in the U.S. The quality of care, cost effectiveness, facility occupancy and productivity were all rated highly.

The Price Water Improvement District is spending \$1.1 million for a water pipeline along the Ridge Road industrial area between State Route 10 and Highway 6 near Wellington. Five miles of 12-inch pipe will help promote industrial development and improve fire safety. The project should be completed by summer 2000.

A \$7.5-million secondary water project is nearing completion in Wellington. The new system will replace the old irrigation canal system. The new pipelines will help conserve water and reduce the amount of salt that leaches into the Price River.

The College of Eastern Utah Prehistoric Museum will add an exhibit of a 40-foot long megalosaur, a carnivore that stood 20 feet high.

SELECTED CARBON COUNTY LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Time Period	1999(p)	1998	Percent Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE /1	JAN-MAR	9,684	9,425	2.7
Employed		9,019	8,868	1.7
Unemployed		666	557	19.6
Percent of Labor Force		6.9	5.9	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS /2	JAN-MAR	9,023	9,025	0.0
Mining		944	1,027	-8.1
Contract Construction		271	206	31.6
Manufacturing		385	468	-17.7
Durable Goods		214	230	-7.0
Nondurable Goods		171	238	-28.2
Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities		506	476	6.3
Trade		2,231	2,185	2.1
Wholesale		460	472	-2.5
Retail		1,771	1,713	3.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate		180	164	9.8
Services		2,167	2,133	1.6
Government		2,339	2,366	-1.1
Federal		156	160	-2.5
State		788	728	8.2
Local		1,395	1,478	-5.6
COVERED AGRICULTURAL JOBS /3	JAN-MAR	15	12	25.0
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (\$000)	JAN-MAR	4,317.3	3,320.4	30.0
New Dwelling Units		22	43	-48.8
New Residential (\$000)		1,986.6	2,668.4	-25.6
New Nonresidential (\$000)		1,808.8	140.8	1,184.7
Additions, Alterations, and Repairs (\$000)		521.9	511.2	2.1
Residential (\$000)		428.3	263.1	62.8
Nonresidential (\$000)		93.6	248.1	-62.3
GROSS TAXABLE SALES 4/				
Gross Taxable Retail Sales, Services, and Purchases (\$000)	JAN-MAR	81,900.2	71,252.4	14.9
NEW CAR AND TRUCK SALES	JAN-MAR	156	105	48.6
Cars		44	36	22.2
Trucks		112	69	62.3

1/ Numbers are seasonally adjusted.

2/ Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

3/ Not included in total nonagricultural employment.

4/ Includes gross taxable retail sales, services, and purchases, by place of transaction, except car and truck sales which are classified by owner's county of residence rather than by county of purchase.

p= Preliminary.

Sources: Civilian Labor Force, Total Nonagricultural Jobs, Covered Agricultural Jobs:

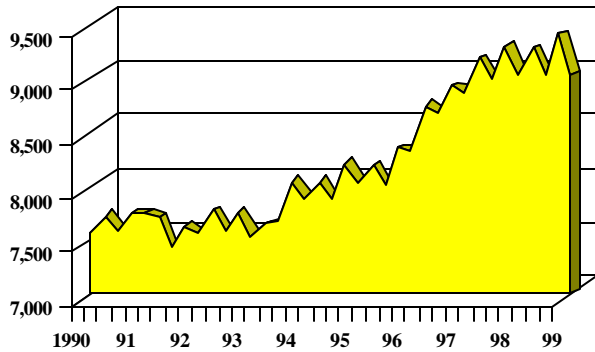
Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

Gross Taxable Sales, New Car and Truck Sales: Economic and Statistical Unit, Utah State Tax Commission.

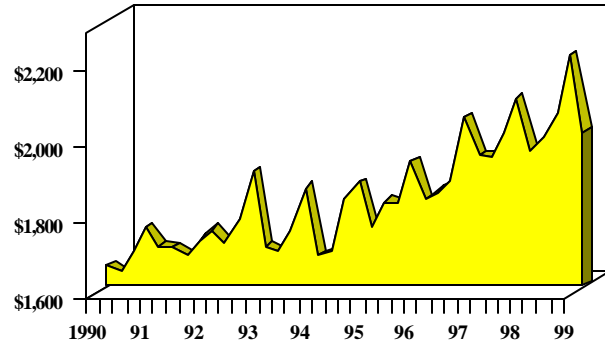
Building Construction: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah.

CARBON COUNTY HISTORICAL TRENDS

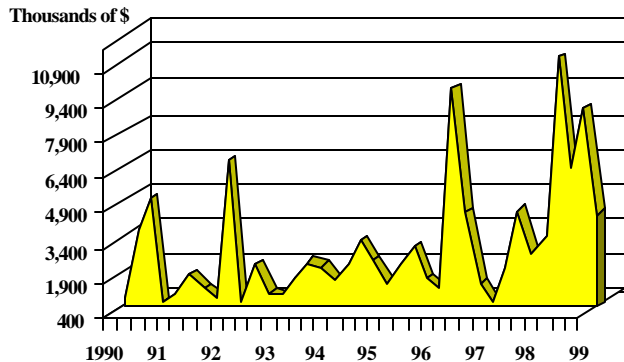
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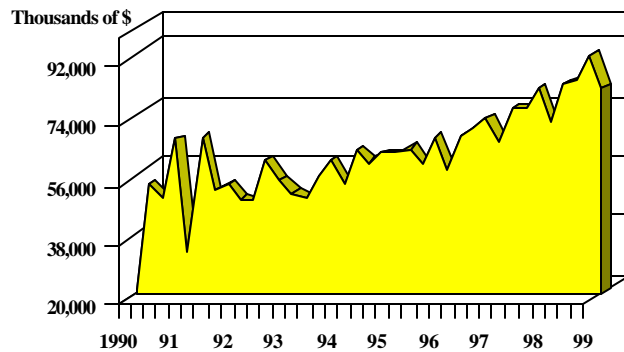
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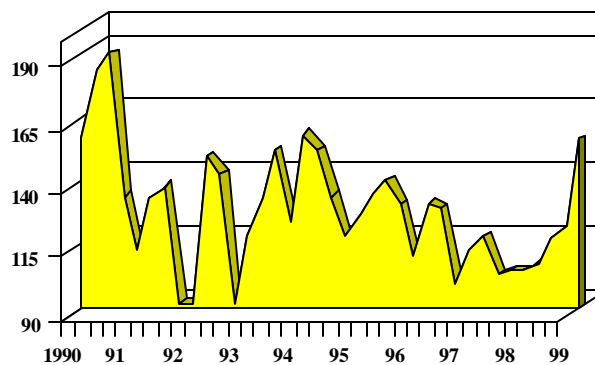
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY



GROSS TAXABLE SALES



NEW CAR & TRUCK REGISTRATIONS



**ECONOMIC INDICATORS
QUARTERLY TOTALS
CARBON COUNTY**

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	8,647	8,583	8,627	8,494
1991	8,629	8,601	8,648	8,680
1992	8,753	8,845	8,757	8,703
1993	8,589	8,602	8,872	9,057
1994	9,200	9,289	9,123	9,117
1995	9,005	8,862	8,833	8,893
1996	9,024	9,198	9,246	9,280
1997	9,348	9,405	9,447	9,449
1998	9,425	9,515	9,583	9,917
1999	9,684			

AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$1,657	\$1,639	\$1,694	\$1,758
1991	1,708	1,703	1,686	1,725
1992	1,754	1,714	1,780	1,902
1993	1,709	1,693	1,748	1,863
1994	1,688	1,692	1,832	1,875
1995	1,758	1,827	1,819	1,932
1996	1,832	1,854	1,875	2,052
1997	1,949	1,944	2,003	2,099
1998	1,958	1,998	2,059	2,213
1999	2,008			

**GROSS TAXABLE SALES
(\$000)**

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$21,060.2	\$52,445.8	\$48,837.1	\$66,568.1
1991	32,431.9	66,668.5	50,808.7	53,016.4
1992	48,170.8	47,648.8	59,921.2	54,107.1
1993	50,243.3	48,365.8	54,972.6	59,927.7
1994	52,889.6	62,781.2	59,616.5	61,807.3
1995	62,010.1	63,580.3	58,757.5	66,830.2
1996	57,041.7	67,456.7	69,677.9	72,416.5
1997	65,383.5	75,695.4	75,410.1	81,973.0
1998	71,252.4	83,038.3	83,894.7	91,573.6
1999	81,900.2			

NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	7,540	7,718	7,586	7,733
1991	7,738	7,709	7,423	7,626
1992	7,551	7,760	7,567	7,755
1993	7,526	7,647	7,680	8,043
1994	7,865	8,040	7,861	8,197
1995	8,018	8,192	8,002	8,352
1996	8,327	8,740	8,664	8,928
1997	8,872	9,181	8,983	9,290
1998	9,025	9,280	9,016	9,389
1999	9,023			

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
(\$000)**

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$ 736.7	\$3,738.6	\$5,034.8	\$ 490.5
1991	797.7	1,743.5	1,142.7	753.0
1992	6,628.6	597.3	2,221.3	930.5
1993	793.2	1,620.2	2,230.0	2,116.7
1994	1,406.1	2,151.1	3,169.9	2,275.6
1995	1,251.4	2,211.8	2,897.9	1,561.5
1996	1,114.8	9,750.3	4,423.8	1,367.5
1997	508.2	2,038.0	4,481.5	2,605.3
1998	3,320.4	11,063.8	6,314.8	8,815.5
1999	4,317.3			

NEW CAR & TRUCK REGISTRATIONS

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	156	184	190	134
1991	113	133	138	92
1992	92	149	143	91
1993	119	133	152	124
1994	158	152	134	118
1995	126	135	140	130
1996	111	131	129	99
1997	113	118	103	105
1998	105	108	117	122
1999	156			

**CARBON COUNTY
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
BY COMMUNITY
FOURTH QUARTER 1998**

County/City	Total Non-Farm	Mining	Const.	Mfg.	Trans., Comm., Pub. Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins., R.E.	Services	Gov.
<u>Carbon County</u>									
Average # of firms	652	15	60	23	34	189	36	194	101
% Change 1997-98	1.7	25.0	5.3	-17.9	6.3	1.6	0.0	3.2	-1.0
Average employment	9,388	1,059	286	467	498	2,322	165	2,252	2,339
% Change 1997-98	1.1	1.0	-0.7	-2.7	3.1	2.2	-2.4	4.8	-2.2
Average Monthly wages (\$)	2,214	4,914	2,404	2,597	3,691	1,349	2,352	1,836	1,786
% Change 1997-98	5.9	0.8	-14.8	20.5	3.5	1.5	17.1	21.8	3.7
Total wages (\$000's)	62,343.4	15,625.3	2,063.0	3,640.3	5,517.3	9,396.2	1,164.3	12,403.0	12,534.0
% Change 1997-98	7.1	1.8	-15.4	17.3	6.7	3.7	14.1	27.6	1.4
<u>Helper Area /1</u>									
Average # of firms	75	4	4	3	3	20	3	18	20
% Change 1997-98	-12.8	100.0	-50.0	-50.0	-40.0	-13.0	0.0	-10.0	5.3
Average employment	931	405	13	29	124	114	13	91	142
% Change 1997-98	51.4	13400.0	-62.9	-9.4	-20.5	-10.2	-7.1	-15.7	1.4
Average Monthly wages (\$)	3,319	4,780	2,285	2,652	4,483	772	1,547	1,863	1,511
% Change 1997-98	52.4	-27.6	-10.0	2.5	13.1	-7.0	3.8	10.6	-4.4
Total wages (\$000's)	9,270.8	5,807.4	89.1	228.0	1,668.0	265.0	60.3	509.0	644.0
% Change 1997-98	130.7	9676.8	-66.6	-8.2	-10.1	-16.2	-3.7	-6.8	-3.0
<u>East Carbon, Sunnyside</u>									
Average # of firms	21	0	b	b	4	b	b	4	7
% Change 1997-98	-4.5	na	na	na	33.3	na	na	0.0	0.0
Average employment	234	0	b	b	75	b	b	24	111
% Change 1997-98	-19.9	na	na	na	-7.4	na	na	-55.6	-12.6
Average Monthly wages (\$)	2,126	0	b	b	4,126	b	b	1,153	1,234
% Change 1997-98	19.5	na	na	na	16.7	na	na	1.8	4.0
Total wages (\$000's)	1,492.5	0.0	b	b	928.3	b	b	83.0	411.0
% Change 1997-98	-4.2	na	na	na	8.0	na	na	-54.8	-9.1
<u>Hiawatha, Scofield</u>									
Average # of firms	5	b	0	0	0	b	0	b	b
% Change 1997-98	0.0	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Average employment	70	b	0	0	0	b	0	b	b
% Change 1997-98	-25.5	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Average Monthly wages (\$)	3,430	b	0	0	0	b	0	b	b
% Change 1997-98	-6.7	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Total wages (\$000's)	720.3	b	0.0	0.0	0.0	b	0.0	b	b
% Change 1997-98	-30.6	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<u>Price, Wellington</u>									
Average # of firms	480	6	34	16	22	149	29	154	70
% Change 1997-98	-4.2	0.0	-12.8	-11.1	-4.3	-2.6	-3.3	-3.7	-2.8
Average employment	7,902	587	239	399	268	2,138	143	2,063	2,065
% Change 1997-98	2.3	-0.7	29.2	-5.0	9.4	2.2	-2.7	6.1	-1.6
Average Monthly wages (\$)	2,075	5,118	2,135	2,580	3,391	1,391	2,469	1,850	1,840
% Change 1997-98	7.6	1.8	5.1	21.0	1.4	1.1	18.6	22.9	4.0
Total wages (\$000's)	49,191.2	9,013.0	1,531.0	3,088.0	2,726.0	8,923.4	1,059.3	11,451.2	11,399.3
% Change 1997-98	10.1	1.1	35.8	15.0	10.9	3.4	15.4	30.3	2.3

1/ Helper Area includes: Castle Gate, Columbia, Helper, Kenilworth, Spring Glen, Carbonville.

b = Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual firm data.

na = Not available.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

CARBON COUNTY FIRST QUARTER 1999 SELECTED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
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	<u>Type</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Value (\$000)</u>
MAJOR NONRESIDENTIAL				
	Hotels and Motels	0		\$0.0
	Amusement/Recreation	1		1,122.0
	Religious Building	0		0.0
	Industrial/Warehouse	3		263.6
	Service Station/Repair Garage	0		0.0
	Hospital/Institutional	0		0.0
	Office/Bank/Professional	1		36.5
	Public Utility (Private)	1		6.6
	School and Educational	0		0.0
	Retail Stores/Restaurants	0		0.0
	Public Buildings and Projects	0		0.0
MAJOR RESIDENTIAL				
Carbon County	Single-Family	5		\$857.5
	Manufactured homes	16		969.5
	Cabins	1		159.6
	Twin Home/Duplexes	0	0	0.0
	Condominiums	0	0	0.0
	Apartments	0	0	0.0
<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Units</u>	
Price	Single-Family	1		
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	2		
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0	
	Apartment Units		0	
Wellington	Single-Family	0		
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	4		
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0	
	Apartment Units		0	
East Carbon	Single-Family	0		
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	0		
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0	
	Apartment Units		0	
Other Carbon County	Single-Family	4		
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	11		
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0	
	Apartment Units		0	

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah.

CARBON COUNTY GROSS TAXABLE RETAIL SALES FIRST QUARTER 1997, 1998, 1999
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	TAXABLE OUTLETS			GROSS SALES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	1997.1	1998.1	1999.1	1997.1	1998.1	1999.1	97-98	98-99
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC Code)								
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (111 - 973)	*	*	*	*	*	*	--	--
Mining (1011 - 1499)	6	22	17	2,164,521	2,602,502	4,309,176	20.2	65.6
Construction (1521 - 1799)	19	26	31	1,167,154	1,268,930	2,020,848	8.7	59.3
Manufacturing (2011 - 3999)	39	74	97	1,964,958	3,158,290	4,986,915	60.7	57.9
Transportation (4011 - 4789)	7	11	8	1,996,233	1,477,280	557,546	-26.0	-62.3
Communications (4812 - 4899)	28	42	48	1,309,697	1,816,704	2,554,069	38.7	40.6
Electric & Gas (4911 - 4971)	4	8	8	4,161,125	4,751,068	10,628,813	14.2	123.7
Wholesale - Durable Goods (5012 - 5099)	52	160	205	12,378,722	14,200,997	14,133,789	14.7	-0.5
Wholesale - Nondurable Goods (5111 - 5199)	25	67	74	1,363,977	1,614,688	1,598,078	18.4	-1.0
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE	77	227	279	13,742,699	15,815,685	15,731,867	15.1	-0.5
Retail - Building and Garden Stores (5211 - 5271)	11	16	19	1,076,412	1,308,146	2,006,771	21.5	53.4
Retail - General Merchandise Stores (5311 - 5399)	7	8	9	7,497,126	7,470,775	7,878,794	-0.4	5.5
Retail - Food Stores (5411 - 5499)	25	29	29	8,980,442	9,095,002	9,071,389	1.3	-0.3
Retail - Motor Vehicle Dealers (5511 - 5599)	26	26	24	8,038,357	6,625,973	6,484,634	-17.6	-2.1
Retail - Apparel & Accessory Stores (5611 - 5699)	13	24	19	326,855	316,870	270,812	-3.1	-14.5
Retail - Furniture Stores (5712 - 5736)	22	42	30	1,173,507	1,210,405	1,243,821	3.1	2.8
Retail - Eating & Drinking (5812 - 5826)	49	52	51	2,947,760	2,855,246	3,057,544	-3.1	7.1
Retail - Miscellaneous (5912 - 5999)	85	140	154	1,867,905	2,387,374	2,205,556	27.8	-7.6
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE SALES	238	337	335	31,908,364	31,269,791	32,219,321	-2.0	3.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (6011 - 6799)	15	29	30	206,942	412,027	455,197	99.1	10.5
Services - Hotels & Lodging (7011 - 7041)	7	7	7	399,485	452,318	461,906	13.2	2.1
Services - Personal (7211 - 7299)	24	21	20	239,249	271,147	227,640	13.3	-16.0
Services - Business (7311 - 7389)	48	117	124	634,935	1,386,164	1,101,353	118.3	-20.5
Services - Auto & Misc. Repair (7513 - 7699)	63	88	92	2,287,024	5,064,420	4,959,990	121.4	-2.1
Services - Amusement & Recreation (7812 - 7999)	9	14	16	401,499	466,867	545,884	16.3	16.9
Services - Health (8011 - 8099)	10	13	18	404,015	289,962	332,783	-28.2	14.8
Services - Education, Legal, Social (8111 - 8999)	13	17	25	471,490	-106,642	77,340	-122.6	-172.5
TOTAL SERVICE SECTOR SALES	174	277	302	4,837,697	7,824,236	7,706,896	61.7	-1.5
Public Administration (9111 - 9721)	3	1	1	1,096,761	88	1,952	-100.0	2118.2
Private Motor Vehicle Sales	6	6	6	824,569	855,748	718,795	3.8	-16.0
Occasional Retail Sales	1	*	1	701	*	8,864	--	--
Nondisclosable or Nonclassifiable	1	1	1	2,109	18	80	-99.1	344.4
TOTAL SALES FOR THE QUARTER	618	1,061	1,164	\$65,383,530	\$71,252,367	\$81,900,339	9.0	14.9

Source: Utah State Tax Commission. * data not available or not applicable.

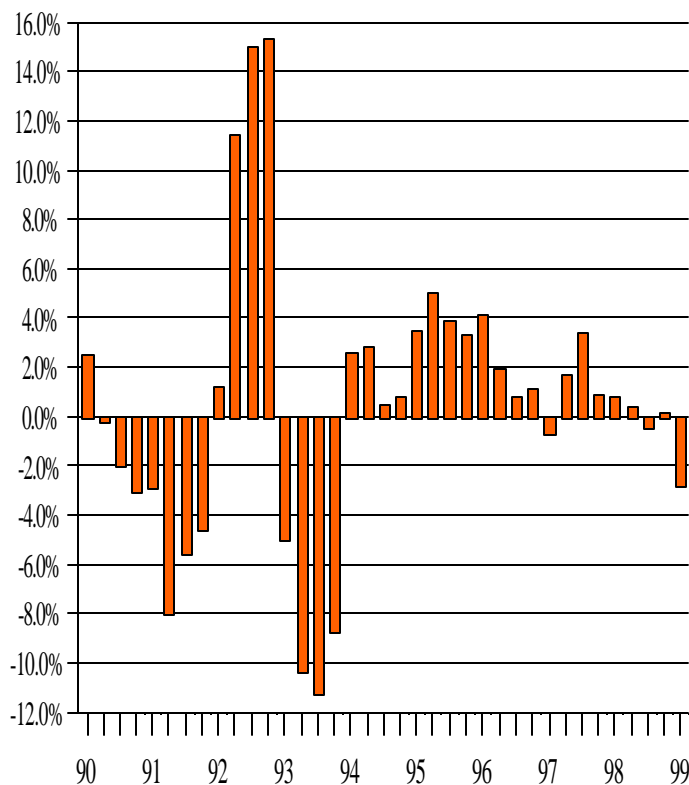
Emery County

Economic Highlights

Employment growth: -2.8 %

Unemployment rate: 6.5 %

Annual Change in Nonfarm Employment in Emery County
by Quarter, 1990 -1999



EMERY County Employment Growth trends

It was a rough start for Emery County as jobs, building and sales revenues all posted declines in first quarter data. Emery County's nonfarm jobs count, at 3,566 for first quarter 1999, was down by 2.8 percent from the first quarter 1998 figure. Nevertheless, the unemployment rate in Emery County fell from 7.8 percent in first quarter 1998 to 6.5 percent in first quarter 1999.

Few Industries Gain

Trade employment improved 10.0 percent by adding 40 positions. Retail trade accounted for most of the growth, with increased employment at grocery stores, gasoline service stations and eating and drinking places. **Services** reported 39 more positions, an increase of 10.5 percent. Computer services and automotive repair shops reported increased employment, while motels showed a decrease in positions. **Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate** employment was lifted by slight increases in banking and insurance.

The **Construction** division reported a small year-over decrease in employment for first quarter 1999. Residential contractors' jobs declined, as did those for heavy construction contractors. Plumbing and heating contractors reported an increase, as did contractors for concrete work. However, losses were experienced for electrical and excavation work.

Manufacturing job gains and losses netted-out near zero. Meat packing and logging jobs declined, while farm machinery and equipment positions increased. **Government**, which accounts for one-quarter of total nonagricultural employment in Emery County, experienced a 3.7-percent decline in employment. Year-over federal employment was unchanged. State and local government employment

EMERY County Economic Highlights

fell: state jobs in social programs, and local government positions in administration, health and transportation. **Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities** also suffered a downturn as employment fell by 67 positions, a 9.6-percent decrease. Declines were widespread and resulted in losses in electrical services, trucking, air transportation, and cable TV installation. **Mining** also reported a significant decrease with 77 fewer positions, an 8.4-percent decline. Losses in coal mining account for the decrease.

Agriculture Steady

“Covered agriculture” jobs in Emery County increased slightly from the previous year-ending figure. Agricultural profits have been down nationwide, which continues to weaken demand for agricultural production. It should be noted that “covered agricultural” employment is not included in total nonagricultural employment discussed above. Moreover, many jobs in agriculture are not subject to unemployment insurance reporting requirements. As a result, they are not discussed in this report.

Construction Declines Too

Construction activity, according to building permits data, faltered during the first quarter of 1999. The valuation of permit-authorized construction fell from \$1.8 million in first quarter 1998 to \$999,100 in the first quarter of 1999. Residential construction expanded slightly as new units approved rose from 14 to 15, and the valuation of residential building rose 4.6 percent to \$927,900. New single-family and modular home-building lifted residential activity. However, nonresidential construction valuation tumbled from \$679,500 to a mere \$33,000. Renovations to residential and nonresidential structures also decreased in value.

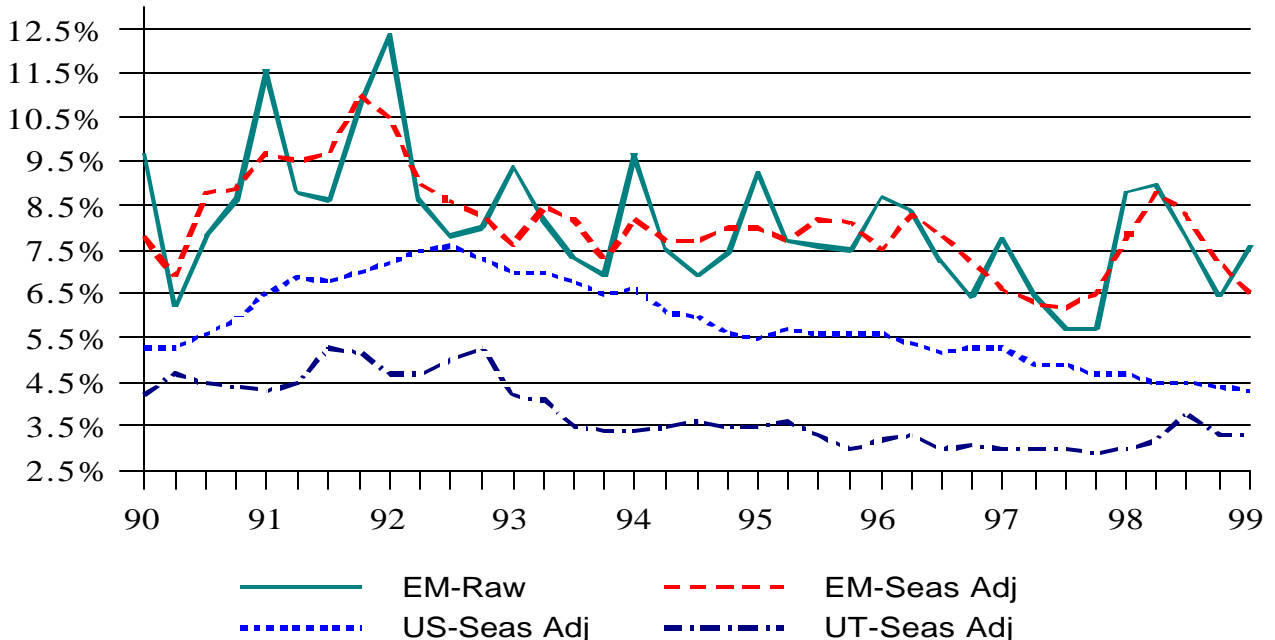
Sales Stagger

Total gross taxable sales in Emery County for the first quarter of 1999 suffered a year-over decline of 5.0 percent to \$18.7 million. Retail sales dropped 5.1 percent to \$5.5 million with sales falling for merchandise, gardening, apparel, and furniture stores. Eating and drinking places transactions fell as well. Only auto sales and grocery stores reported an increase in activity. Wholesale trade revenues declined 4.0 percent as durable goods sales dramatically decreased; nondurable goods reported a slight improvement. Transactions for services declined 3.0 percent. Business services and auto and other repair shops accounted for most of the decrease. Mining, construction, and manufacturing sales also declined, while transportation and communication sales improved.

ECONOMIC EVENTS IN EMERY COUNTY

Emery County received \$369,922 in federal Payment-In-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funds. PILT funds are designed to compensate counties for the costs of services provided on federal lands. PILT monies are used for police, fire, waste disposal and search and rescue.

Comparative Unemployment Rates, Emery Co, Utah and U.S.
Raw & Seasonally Adjusted, Quarterly - 1990 -1999



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SELECTED EMERY COUNTY LABOR MARKET AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS
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	Time Period	1999(p)	1998	Percent Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE /1	JAN-MAR	4,020	3,979	1.0
Employed		3,760	3,669	2.5
Unemployed		260	310	-16.1
Percent of Labor Force		6.5	7.8	
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS /2	JAN-MAR	3,566	3,669	-2.8
Mining		835	912	-8.4
Contract Construction		267	270	-1.1
Manufacturing		22	24	-8.3
Durable Goods		22	22	0.0
Nondurable Goods		0	2	-100.0
Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities		628	695	-9.6
Trade		441	401	10.0
Wholesale		15	14	7.1
Retail		426	387	10.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate		44	42	4.8
Services		412	373	10.5
Government		917	952	-3.7
Federal		44	44	0.0
State		55	78	-29.5
Local		818	830	-1.4
COVERED AGRICULTURAL JOBS /3	JAN-MAR	6	5	20.0
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION (\$000)	JAN-MAR	999.1	1,843.2	-45.8
New Dwelling Units		15	14	7.1
New Residential (\$000)		927.9	887.2	4.6
New Nonresidential (\$000)		33.0	679.5	-95.1
Additions, Alterations, and Repairs (\$000)		38.2	276.5	-86.2
Residential (\$000)		37.3	246.5	-84.9
Nonresidential (\$000)		0.9	30.0	-97.0
GROSS TAXABLE SALES 4/				
Gross Taxable Retail Sales, Services, and Purchases (\$000)	JAN-MAR	18,777.5	19,774.1	-5.0
NEW CAR AND TRUCK SALES	JAN-MAR	50	51	-2.0
Cars		18	17	5.9
Trucks		32	34	-5.9

1/ Numbers are seasonally adjusted.

2/ Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

3/ Not included in total nonagricultural employment.

4/ Includes gross taxable retail sales, services, and purchases, by place of transaction, except car and truck sales which are classified by owner's county of residence rather than by county of purchase.

p= Preliminary.

Sources: Civilian Labor Force, Total Nonagricultural Jobs, Covered Agricultural Jobs:

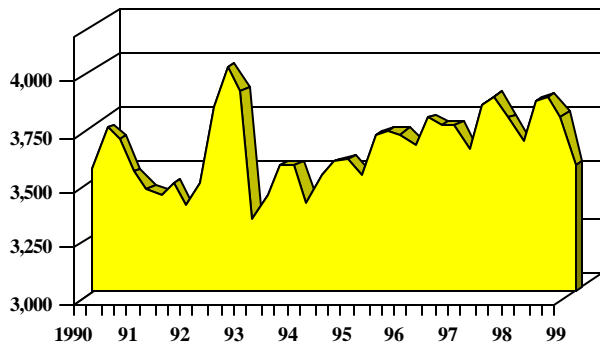
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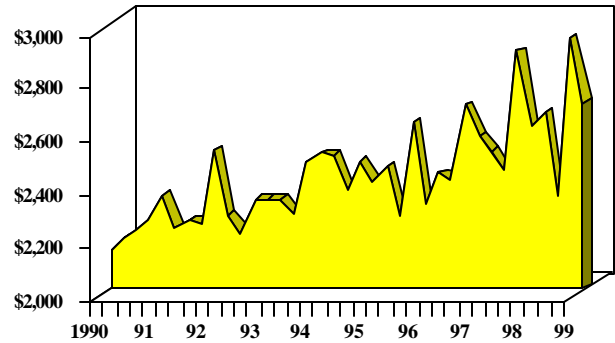
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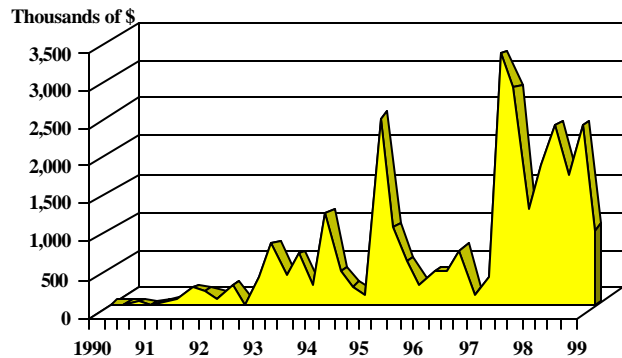
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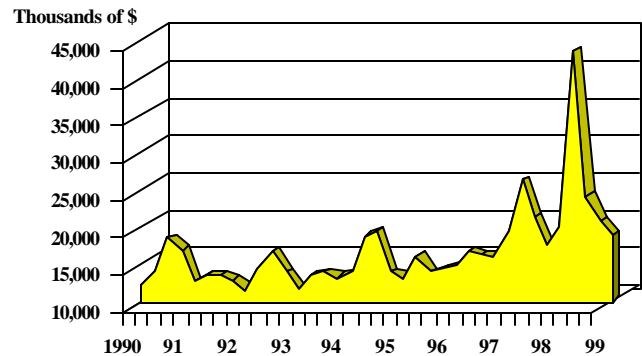
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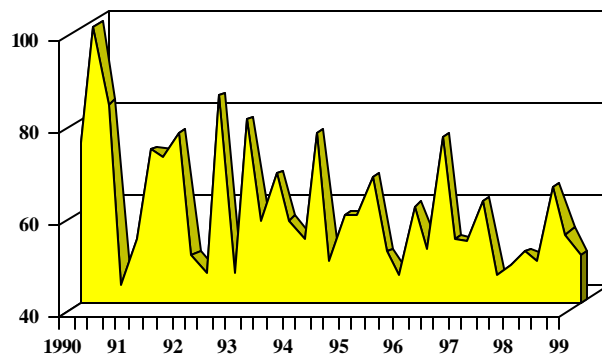
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY



GROSS TAXABLE SALES



NEW CAR & TRUCK REGISTRATIONS



**ECONOMIC INDICATORS
QUARTERLY TOTALS
EMERY COUNTY**

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	4,233	4,208	4,126	4,049
1991	4,154	3,965	3,938	3,978
1992	4,237	4,376	4,470	4,427
1993	3,935	3,963	4,068	4,129
1994	4,146	4,101	4,069	4,133
1995	4,168	4,129	4,078	4,108
1996	4,165	4,120	4,003	4,065
1997	4,049	4,078	4,079	4,018
1998	3,979	4,121	4,129	4,080
1999	4,020			

AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$2,148	\$2,190	\$2,219	\$2,254
1991	2,352	2,228	2,258	2,249
1992	2,524	2,275	2,213	2,339
1993	2,340	2,341	2,286	2,472
1994	2,509	2,506	2,371	2,482
1995	2,394	2,462	2,276	2,625
1996	2,322	2,437	2,416	2,694
1997	2,580	2,519	2,444	2,898
1998	2,618	2,665	2,343	2,950
1999	2,696			

**GROSS TAXABLE SALES
(\$000)**

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$12,040.4	\$13,883.9	\$18,356.5	\$16,796.5
1991	12,564.2	13,483.9	13,352.0	12,709.4
1992	11,390.9	14,335.3	16,564.9	13,938.0
1993	11,674.7	13,587.4	14,034.1	13,212.4
1994	13,896.5	18,696.4	19,441.2	14,035.1
1995	13,205.7	15,988.0	13,857.6	14,488.6
1996	14,956.2	16,620.9	16,069.7	15,976.4
1997	19,359.0	26,212.9	21,017.8	17,502.1
1998	19,774.1	43,311.6	24,106.8	20,592.2
1999	18,777.5			

NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	3,555	3,727	3,690	3,537
1991	3,451	3,430	3,488	3,379
1992	3,492	3,823	4,012	3,900
1993	3,316	3,429	3,563	3,560
1994	3,401	3,524	3,580	3,590
1995	3,519	3,701	3,721	3,707
1996	3,662	3,773	3,750	3,748
1997	3,641	3,837	3,879	3,780
1998	3,669	3,852	3,865	3,783
1999	3,566			

**CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY
(\$000)**

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	\$ 26.1	\$ 19.7	\$ 49.5	\$ 2.5
1991	49.6	73.2	210.2	181.0
1992	108.7	260.2	16.4	349.8
1993	796.1	420.6	683.4	278.3
1994	1,206.9	456.5	243.0	140.6
1995	2,485.5	1,014.3	588.0	272.0
1996	453.0	440.3	728.9	157.1
1997	346.4	3,320.5	2,864.4	1,273.5
1998	1,843.2	2,363.2	1,697.3	2,375.4
1999	999.1			

NEW CAR & TRUCK REGISTRATIONS

	<u>1ST QUARTER</u>	<u>2ND QUARTER</u>	<u>3RD QUARTER</u>	<u>4TH QUARTER</u>
1990	75	100	83	44
1991	54	73	72	77
1992	50	47	85	47
1993	80	58	68	58
1994	54	77	49	59
1995	59	67	51	46
1996	61	52	76	54
1997	53	62	46	48
1998	51	49	65	55
1999	50			

**EMERY COUNTY
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
BY COMMUNITY
FOURTH QUARTER 1998**

County/City	Total Non-Farm	Mining	Const.	Mfg.	Trans., Comm., Pub. Util.	Trade	Fin., Ins., R.E.	Services	Gov.
Emery County									
Average # of firms	261	10	38	6	28	57	9	49	64
% Change 1997-98	1.2	-9.1	5.6	-14.3	12.0	-1.7	0.0	2.1	0.0
Average employment	3,781	853	350	20	667	456	46	432	957
% Change 1997-98	0.0	-8.1	16.7	-20.0	-5.9	4.8	0.0	14.3	-0.2
Average Monthly wages (\$)	2,961	4,639	2,556	2,322	4,605	837	1,501	1,811	2,044
% Change 1997-98	2.2	3.8	25.4	55.2	-2.0	1.3	17.6	3.1	12.4
Total wages (\$000's)	33,587.7	11,870.3	2,684.0	142.0	9,220.0	1,149.1	207.2	2,347.0	5,968.1
% Change 1997-98	2.2	-4.6	46.3	26.6	-7.8	6.5	18.5	17.9	14.0
Huntington, Cleveland, Elmo									
Average # of firms	74	5	9	4	11	15	4	11	15
% Change 1997-98	-3.9	0.0	0.0	-20.0	0.0	-11.8	0.0	-8.3	7.1
Average employment	1,836	826	265	15	252	111	23	88	256
% Change 1997-98	5.1	-8.5	44.8	-21.1	-4.2	-14.0	-8.0	12.8	74.1
Average Monthly wages (\$)	3,689	4,737	2,692	1,878	4,753	1,121	1,339	2,252	2,219
% Change 1997-98	2.5	4.1	17.2	15.2	8.0	23.9	15.7	6.7	25.6
Total wages (\$000's)	20,319.2	11,737.9	2,139.9	84.5	3,593.0	373.2	92.4	594.4	1,703.9
% Change 1997-98	7.7	-4.8	69.7	-9.0	3.5	6.6	6.5	20.4	118.7
Ferron, Clawson, Emery									
Average # of firms	28	b	4	0	b	7	0	4	10
% Change 1997-98	-3.4	na	-20.0	na	na	0.0	na	33.3	-9.1
Average employment	287	b	5	0	b	65	0	21	180
% Change 1997-98	4.7	na	-64.3	na	na	-1.5	na	75.0	11.8
Average Monthly wages (\$)	1,398	b	1,333	0	b	426	0	794	1,706
% Change 1997-98	18.6	na	51.4	na	na	-2.2	na	37.4	19.1
Total wages (\$000's)	1,204.0	b	20.0	0.0	b	83.0	0.0	50.0	921.0
% Change 1997-98	24.2	na	-45.9	na	na	-3.7	na	140.4	33.2
Green River									
Average # of firms	40	0	3	0	3	12	b	10	12
% Change 1997-98	-10.9	na	0.0	na	0.0	-20.0	na	-16.7	0.0
Average employment	282	0	7	0	20	76	b	51	128
% Change 1997-98	-22.7	na	-36.4	na	-23.1	-1.3	na	21.4	-39.3
Average Monthly wages (\$)	1,807	0	1,394	0	2,264	996	b	1,249	2,462
% Change 1997-98	-3.2	na	54.4	na	0.0	11.5	na	12.6	3.2
Total wages (\$000's)	1,528.3	0.0	31.0	0.0	136.0	226.0	b	190.0	945.3
% Change 1997-98	-25.2	na	1.0	na	-24.0	10.1	na	37.0	-37.4
Castle Dale, Orangeville									
Average # of firms	89	b	13	b	10	16	4	20	24
% Change 1997-98	-1.1	na	8.3	na	25.0	-5.9	0.0	5.3	-7.7
Average employment	1,238	b	66	b	365	181	13	235	373
% Change 1997-98	-6.9	na	-27.5	na	-6.6	-1.6	-7.1	19.3	-15.4
Average Monthly wages (\$)	2,655	b	2,289	b	4,880	812	1,985	1,986	1,912
% Change 1997-98	25.2	na	45.9	na	23.9	21.5	47.5	41.0	18.7
Total wages (\$000's)	9,862.0	b	453.2	b	5,344.0	441.0	77.4	1,400.4	2,140.0
% Change 1997-98	16.5	na	5.8	na	15.7	19.5	37.0	68.2	0.4

b = Not shown to avoid disclosure of individual firm data.

na = Not available.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.

EMERY COUNTY FIRST QUARTER 1999 SELECTED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

MAJOR NONRESIDENTIAL	<u>Type</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Value (\$000)</u>
	Hotels and Motels	0		\$0.0
	Amusement/Recreation	0		0.0
	Religious Building	0		0.0
	Industrial/Warehouse	0		0.0
	Service Station/Repair Garage	0		0.0
	Hospital/Institutional	0		0.0
	Office/Bank/Professional	0		0.0
	Public Utility (Private)	0		0.0
	School and Educational	0		0.0
	Retail Stores/Restaurants	0		0.0
	Public Buildings and Projects	0		0.0

MAJOR RESIDENTIAL

Emery County	Single-Family	2		\$163.2
	Manufactured homes	13		764.7
	Cabins	0		0.0
	Twin Home/Duplexes	0	0	0.0
	Condominiums	0	0	0.0
	Apartments	0	0	0.0

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Units</u>
Emery-Ferron	Single-Family	1	
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	1	
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0
	Apartment Units		0
Huntington	Single-Family	0	
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	0	
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0
	Apartment Units		0
Green River	Single-Family	0	
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	0	
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0
	Apartment Units		0
Castle Dale-Orangeville	Single-Family	0	
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	0	
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0
	Apartment Units		0
Other Emery County	Single-Family	1	
	Manuf. Homes/Cabins	12	
	Two-Family Dwelling Units		0
	Apartment Units		0

Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Utah.

EMERY COUNTY GROSS TAXABLE RETAIL SALES FIRST QUARTER 1997, 1998, 1999

	TAXABLE OUTLETS			GROSS SALES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	1997.1	1998.1	1999.1	1997.1	1998.1	1999.1	97-98	98-99
Standard Industrial Classification (SIC Code)								
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (111 - 973)	*	*	*	*	*	*	--	--
Mining (1011 - 1499)	6	7	6	3,671,945	810,056	613,319	-77.9	-24.3
Construction (1521 - 1799)	9	17	13	412,117	726,109	607,775	76.2	-16.3
Manufacturing (2011 - 3999)	17	38	37	409,807	971,513	758,565	137.1	-21.9
Transportation (4011 - 4789)	6	8	7	148,168	198,604	906,031	34.0	356.2
Communications (4812 - 4899)	23	28	35	696,329	868,631	1,412,749	24.7	62.6
Electric & Gas (4911 - 4971)	*	*	*	*	*	*	--	--
Wholesale - Durable Goods (5012 - 5099)	18	93	84	847,179	2,123,511	1,982,020	150.7	-6.7
Wholesale - Nondurable Goods (5111 - 5199)	13	43	44	33,557	825,378	848,745	2359.6	2.8
TOTAL WHOLESALE TRADE	31	136	128	880,736	2,948,889	2,830,765	234.8	-4.0
Retail - Building and Garden Stores (5211 - 5271)	9	12	8	689,834	745,277	691,435	8.0	-7.2
Retail - General Merchandise Stores (5311 - 5399)	*	6	5	*	329,062	296,059	--	-10.0
Retail - Food Stores (5411 - 5499)	18	20	27	2,793,905	2,809,490	3,170,099	0.6	12.8
Retail - Motor Vehicle Dealers (5511 - 5599)	8	8	7	252,483	248,187	256,374	-1.7	3.3
Retail - Apparel & Accessory Stores (5611 - 5699)	*	9	6	*	40,903	35,822	--	-12.4
Retail - Furniture Stores (5712 - 5736)	6	19	13	139,934	353,264	222,607	152.5	-37.0
Retail - Eating & Drinking (5812 - 5826)	15	14	15	715,193	486,414	374,320	-32.0	-23.0
Retail - Miscellaneous (5912 - 5999)	52	95	84	496,811	739,952	412,493	48.9	-44.3
TOTAL RETAIL TRADE SALES	108	183	165	5,088,160	5,752,549	5,459,209	13.1	-5.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (6011 - 6799)	11	20	21	39,894	78,739	104,025	97.4	32.1
Services - Hotels & Lodging (7011 - 7041)	7	7	9	132,669	160,925	237,975	21.3	47.9
Services - Personal (7211 - 7299)	8	10	10	26,919	26,330	32,509	-2.2	23.5
Services - Business (7311 - 7389)	21	51	63	67,982	876,038	682,329	1188.6	-22.1
Services - Auto & Misc. Repair (7513 - 7699)	35	43	40	1,929,265	2,073,903	1,993,938	7.5	-3.9
Services - Amusement & Recreation (7812 - 7999)	7	6	5	42,761	42,579	37,542	-0.4	-11.8
Services - Health (8011 - 8099)	*	*	4	*	*	11,022	--	--
Services - Education, Legal, Social (8111 - 8999)	8	9	9	-37,684	-28,305	63,014	-24.9	-322.6
TOTAL SERVICE SECTOR SALES	86	126	140	2,161,912	3,151,470	3,058,329	45.8	-3.0
Public Administration (9111 - 9721)	3	3	4	39,748	55,707	61,911	40.2	11.1
Private Motor Vehicle Sales	10	10	10	639,770	668,865	481,764	4.5	-28.0
Occasional Retail Sales	2	*	*	4,026	*	*	--	--
Nondisclosable or Nonclassifiable	11	6	4	5,166,433	3,542,944	2,483,096	-31.4	-29.9
TOTAL SALES FOR THE QUARTER	323	582	570	\$19,359,045	\$19,774,076	\$18,777,538	2.1	-5.0

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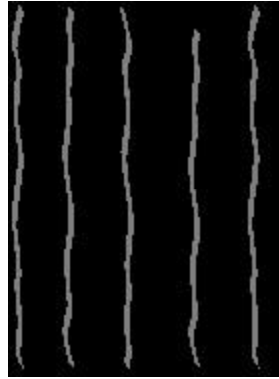
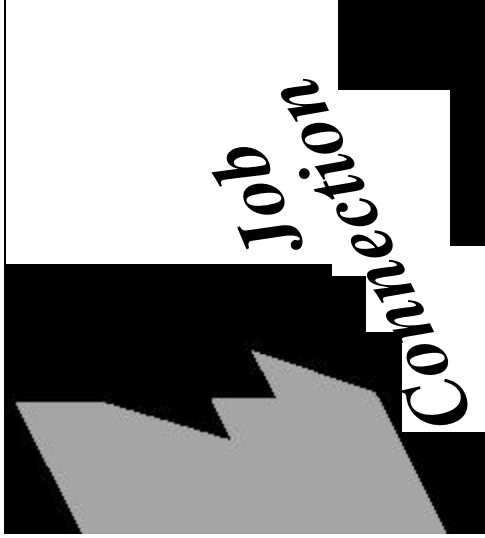
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